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I've spent thousand of dollars on equipment (HD-TV & HD Reciever) that allows me to watch DTV. By creating a broadcast flag, you will have made my significant purchase useless. I understand that copyright holders need protection. Unfortunately, this flag will NOT protect them from pirates stealing their material and distributing it.

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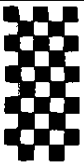
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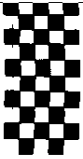
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And, as an independent film/video maker, who pays taxes and adds to the economy with each company purchase and hire, this "Broadcast "FLag" can and will severely limit my ability to continue paying those taxes when my ability to create and distribute my media is so severely curtailed by each passing flag update.

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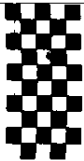
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Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell:

I am writing to express my concern about the potential adoption of the rules for a broadcast flag for digital television. My reasons for my misgivings are many. One such reason has to do with my role as a teacher. I teach students about the mass media. As part of this, I sometimes show very short clips of television shows in class that the class then deconstructs. This is an important activity in our world in which the media is such a central part. Said use certainly falls into fair use guidelines. The ability to edit these clips together, integrate them into my powerpoint presentations is something that digital technologies should be able to help me with. Yet I'm worried that with things transitioning to digital television, and with the ability to record becoming increasingly tied up with digital technologies that such practices will rather than being enhanced become impossible. I agree that piracy of television and film is a bad thing and I support copyright. However, I think that we need to look at these issues in a broader context that includes what we will lose out on by imposing these kinds of restrictions at the level of technology, which will block out not only piracy but important, legitimate, legal uses of these technologies as well.

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